

# Are You Ready To Meet God?

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There was a very sad accident which happened in Colorado Springs this week. An 18-year old woman, Whitney Hendrickson, was slowly burned to death in a fiery accident, which involved an out-of-control vehicle. The poor girl was pinned between the gas pump and the burning minivan. As she saw the flames moving toward her, she cried out for help, saying "Help me! Help me! I'm going to die." Sadly, there was no one to save her. Life is so short. She had no idea when she woke up that morning that it would be her last day on earth. My deepest sympathies goes out to that young woman's family.

## **Woman Killed After Gas Station Pump Explodes**

**A Colorado Springs convenience store gasoline pump caught fire and exploded, killing a woman.**

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**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado — A convenience store gasoline pump caught fire and exploded Tuesday, killing a woman and injuring at least one other person, police said.**

Witnesses told The Gazette newspaper the pump caught fire after hit was hit

by a pickup that had in turn been struck by an SUV. Police said the incident was under investigation.

The woman was pumping gas when the fire erupted, and she was trapped between the pump and a minivan, witnesses said.

"She was standing there screaming 'Help me! Help me! I'm going to die,'" Greg Alderman told The Gazette.

Police Lt. Dave Whitlock identified the woman who was killed as 18-year-old Whitney Hendrickson of Colorado Springs.

The SUV driver, 29-year-old Kelli Renae McKay of Colorado Springs, was treated at Memorial Hospital for bruises. She was cited for suspicion of careless driving involving a death, a misdemeanor, Whitlock said.

A passenger in the minivan was unharmed as was the driver of the pickup.

Alderman, who works across the street from the 7-Eleven store where the explosion occurred, said he tried to get to the woman but the heat was too intense.

Michael Horvat, who also works across the street, said he ran to the store with a fire extinguisher but an off-duty firefighter yelled at him to back off. Just then the pump exploded.

"She was frozen in there, between the gas pumps and her car," Horvat said. "She was holding her face. Flames were all around her. She never got out."

### SOURCE

I wrote this article because this accident is a clear reminder to all of us that life is predictably UNPREDICTABLE. We have a tendency to take so many things for granted in this life, including life itself.

Consider this poor woman who lost her life. Any hope of having a future husband or children or grandchildren, any hope of ever hearing those first words "Mama" or "I wuv you mommy," any hope of watching her children graduate from school, or of receiving a big hug from one of her own children, is now gone forever. How sad. How tragic!

This is why I get so peeved at our government leaders for needlessly sending our children to die on foreign soil for agendas that have absolutely nothing to do with America's freedom. Alan Greenspan, who headed the Federal Reserve Board for 19 years, stated that the Iraqi War is mostly about stealing their oil. That's not a good enough reason to forfeit our children's lives. Many parents will never be grandparents, because their child died in Iraqi for the New World Order. And if that's not bad enough, President Bush Jokes about War In Iraq! It is all so evil. Just remember, Obama, Bush and the Clintons will all spend this coming Christmas with their children. If your pastor supports the War in Iraq, pray for him that God will open his eyes.

May we keep in mind the untimely death of this unfortunate young woman, and numerous others we read about every day in the news, so that we may redeem the time, preparing to meet our God and Creator. Life is what happens to us while we're making big plans. Life has its disappointments, heartaches and times of sorrow for everyone—some more than others—but God is still on His throne in Heaven and now is the time to get right with God. Do you know Jesus as your Savior?

## **The Reality of Sin, Judgment and Hell**

After I read this tragic story, I couldn't help but think of the Scriptures and the BILLIONS of unbelievers that are headed for the Lake of Fire in their sins.

**Revelation 21:8, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and**

**all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."** And again in **2nd Thessalonians 1:8** we are warned, **"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."** I don't know if this young woman was saved or unsaved, and I make no statement concerning that. I certainly hope with all my heart that she's enjoying Heaven now with the saints.

What caught my attention mostly was the fact that this young women saw death approaching. She saw the fires moving closer and closer. Fear overwhelmed her, as it would anyone. How tragic that multitudes of people in the world today refuse to see the fires closing in around them! They are blind to the reality of sin, judgment and Hell fire! Oh, that men would hear and believe the Word of God, repenting toward God for salvation.

Jesus taught in Matthew 24:37-38 that the people before the flood were eating, drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage (partying). Jesus said that it would be the same way in the Last Days. We are living in those times. People today are **not listening to God**. This is why we have a city nicknamed "Sin City"; and abortion is legal, and Salem, Massachusetts prides themselves as the "City of Witches"; and pornography is legal; and homosexuals are getting married and adopting children; and America's legal system is extremely corrupt and oppressive; and idolatry is commonplace in America's churches. Woe unto America.

Jesus said that when the flood finally came, **THEY KNEW NOT** what had happened until it was too late. Not one person heeded Noah's preaching of the righteousness that is in Jesus Christ. Only Noah and his immediate family got on the ark. Noah preached for 120 long years, but not one person obeyed the Gospel, not one person got saved, not one person escaped God's wrath when judgment came. And after perishing in the flood, they went to Hell to burn (Psalm 9:17).

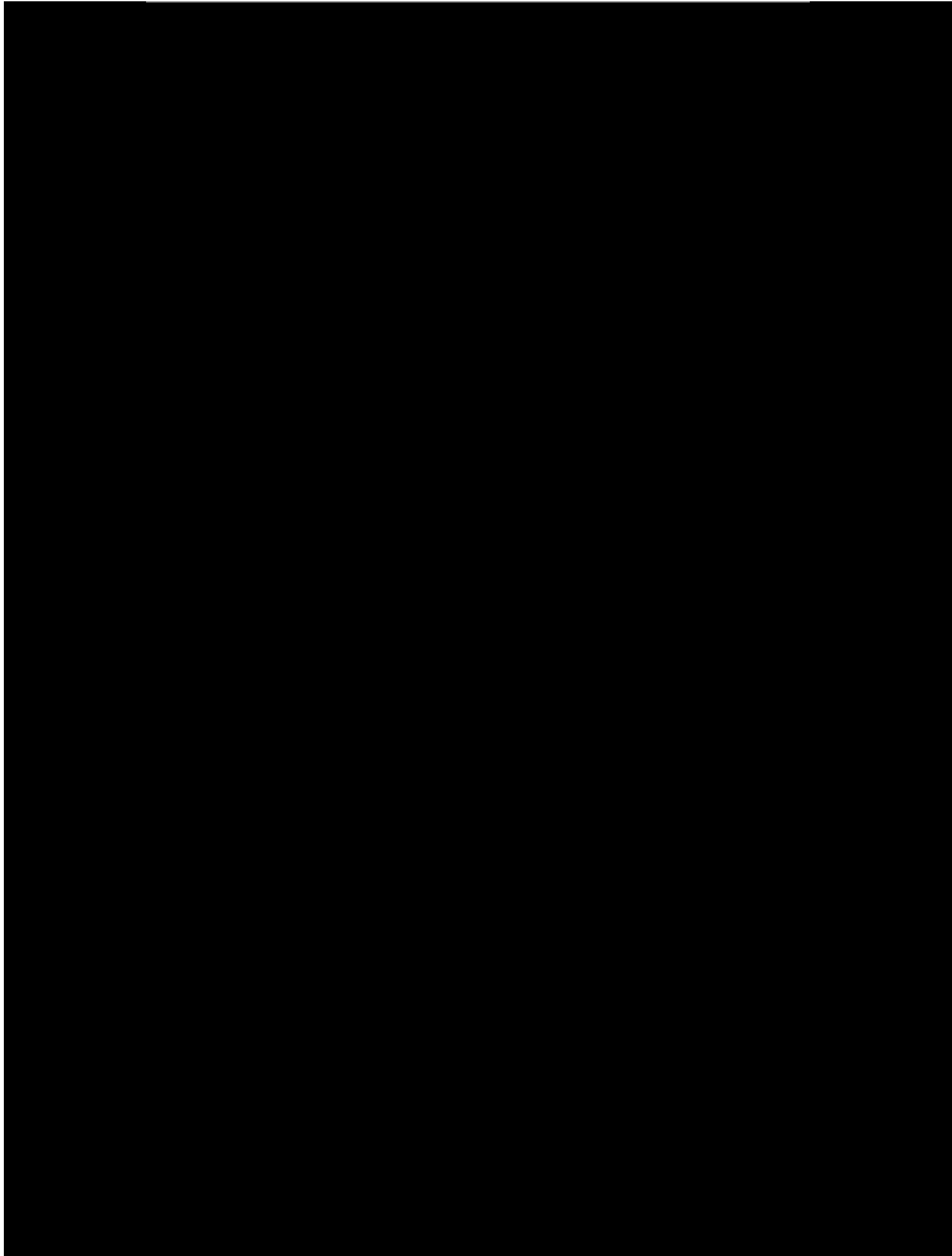
Tragically, preachers no longer cry aloud against sin, no longer warn men of the coming judgment of an angry God, and no longer stress the awfulness of eternal punishment for all Christ-rejecters in the fires of Hell. Every mainstream so-called "Christian author," such as Joyce Meyer, Joel Osteen, Rick Warren, Max Lucado, et cetera, spend 99% of the time AVOIDING the unpleasant and offensive topics of sin, judgment, God's wrath, hellfire and eternal punishment. Yet, the great need of our day is to hear these topics preached loud and long so that men may fear God and come to repentance.

All of the popular televangelists today are a bunch of **greedy** fakes! Beware of the minister who focuses on health, wealth and prosperity. Beware of any professed "Christian" who wants to sell you something; but never warns of the coming judgment in hellfire, never exposes the awfulness of sin, never talks about winning souls to Jesus Christ and never talks about God's wrath upon the wicked. America's great need of the hour is preaching preachers!

The tragic accident in Colorado Springs could have happened to anyone. It was horrific to say the least. Burned alive! **Proverb 27:1, "Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."** The

importance question is, are you ready to meet God? **Hebrews 10:31**, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

***Luke 13:5, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." —Jesus Christ***



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